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'STC has made a significant difference in our school and has really helped **all** children communicate. The use of Symbols, signing, objects and real experience benefits all our children - particularly the young ones starting in Reception,'

All our staff are trained and understand the philosophy and the benefits that STC has for all children to access the curriculum. It gives staff an understanding of what it is like for a child and how they can access communication easily.

We have our own School STC Co-ordinator, which means we have someone to monitor and keep STC fresh and alive in school and to implement new ideas and initiatives.

We use Widgit WWS to support ideas for writing, making our displays STC friendly and using symbols around school to help the children identify resources easily.

We make communication resources to support children with behavioural needs. It helps us understand why they behave in the way they do and the strategies needed to support them to manage their own behaviour.

STC resources and training help to give us ideas and the use of Widgit makes everything so quick and easy to use.

As an STC Co-ordinator, the core team and network supports me and keeps me informed of changes and new ideas.

The network meetings and the STC Newsletter enable co-ordinators to share good practise and be kept informed of updates.

STC is fantastic and we have fully implemented into our school. It gives adults a real understanding of where the children are coming from and why some children struggle and behave in the way that they do. It is fantastic for the Reception children as they have their own symbol with their name on their peg, drawer and book labels to help them identify which things belong to them! We use a lot of signing and gestures when learning songs and it keeps the children interested and active. I also use signing a lot to prompt children to remember their lines when it is the time of year for Christmas plays!

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